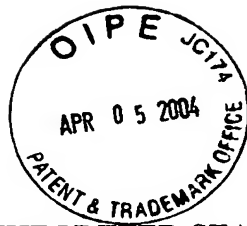


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2000 Bicycle Parts Catalogue discloses a variety of step-in or clipless pedals. Most of the pedals utilize a non-movable front clamping member and a movable rear clamping member that are designed to secure a cleat that is attached to a bicycle shoe thereto.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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